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Hilo, having lost the Atlantic Fleet, is setting its cap for the Pacific Fleet. Here again the decision is with the Admiral.

Is Honolulu to receive no credit or thanks from its friend Hilo for sending a big yacht race in that direction without being asked?

Hawaii has the satisfaction of seeing the larger share of its crop marketed before the price began its summer-slides below four and a quarter.

Judge Kepoikal at an early hour this morning had not heard of any charges against him. Evidently he is due for an awakening during the day.

Representative government is making such headway in Turkey that the people of Hawaii may take new courage to take up the struggle of government of, by, and for the people.

Should many more Federal contracts go to mainland firms, it will pay our local people to make a thorough investigation of how the man farthest distant can do the work at the least cost.

The great distances covered by wireless telegraph with hardly a struggle, make people smile when they recall that the man who established commercial wireless telegraph in Hawaii ten years ago was called a fool-dreamer.

Don't forget that the Honolulu population of Fleet-week is sure to be the permanent population of Honolulu before ten years have elapsed. The town is "bound to grow" despite the fact that the streets seem deserted after the rush.

The people who consider the Tulei-note business a recommendation for a "reform" County Sheriff ought not to become excited over the charges filed against Judge Kepoikal. The community, of course, takes a very different view.

If betting is complicating public opinion on the result of ball games, we would recommend that all bets be declared off, and our cosmopolitan population devote its attention exclusively to the promotion of unadulterated amateur sport.

While Young America distances all others in international athletic tests of endurance, we shall still believe the Nation is able to cope with all the problems of the future that require a large resource of healthy, courageous manhood.

Commodore Sinclair told the Commercial Club that the tourist business of Los Angeles brings Southern California its best class of settlers. This should be sufficient to put a quietus on those in Honolulu who want to quit soliciting the tourist and go chasing a fad.

Appointments to the various commissions are reminders that Hawaii officialdom sometimes gets one man in its head and decides that nothing can go on without him. Governor Frear is no worse in this respect than his predecessors. It is a Honolulu habit. Some day there will be a realization of the good sense involved in making up commissions so as to not only distribute the honors, but, what is more to the practical point, bring as many elements as possible together, all actively at work for the common good.

DYSPEPTIC FRIENDS

Poor old Sourball!
It would be too much to expect that pleasant words for the Bulletin's Fleet Edition could long be withheld by its dear friend of the morning. The details are given in another column with other valued recommendations to public favor. It is to laugh.
Cheer up, Old Sourball!!

CUSTOMS OF PATRIOTISM.

Not the least pleasing feature of the concert of the Klitties band given in the Opera House was the prompt and universal response of the audience to the National anthem. The people rose as one and with a very few exceptions remained standing until the anthem was completed.

It may have been the inspiration of the music, or it may have been thoughtfulness and respect that held the audience at "attention" until the anthem was played through. Be the cause what it may, the incident was one to attract most favorable comment and arouse the hope that the same evidence of respect will be shown at all times when the National air is played.

We believe that Honoluluans recognize the "Star-Spangled Banner" more quickly and know better what to do than many citizens of the mainland. The town has improved vastly on this score, but even now in the Opera House and the Orpheum the first strains of the anthem are as frequently the signal for each and all to grab their hats and run as to remain standing.

Another mark of respect the civilians of Honolulu could well give some thought: How many of our people lining the sidewalks remove their hats as the flag passes by?

Not so many that it is noticeable, yet the old and young who have proper pride and respect for their country should not forget that it is the least the patriotic citizen can do in recognition of his allegiance and devotion.

The man who says that the country will still live if he does not rise to the "Star-Spangled Banner" or doff his hat to the flag undoubtedly speaks the truth, but it will not live, nor will its best ideals be upheld, by



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such as forget the proprieties of honor and patriotism.

If Honolulu is now in the lead of mainland centers in this regard, may it increase the advantage to such an extent that our tribute shall have an educational value to the people of every hamlet, some of whom are still clinging to the idea that "America" is the National anthem, and the flag is going too far around the world, anyway.

TESTING HONOLULU AS SUPPLY STATION.

The decision of the Navy Department to purchase some of the supplies for the Pacific Fleet at this port has a broader significance than a desire to cater to the tradesman of Honolulu. It will test the capacity of this mid-Pacific Naval base as a supply station.

The going and coming of the warships and the peace-fleets is not a summer cruise of an outfit with nothing else to do and no other purpose than to use up time and the Nation's money. Every move has a purpose, and they are all directed toward increased efficiency in every supporting department of civil life, as well as in handling warships.

It was quite proper that the Atlantic Fleet should be provisioned in a Coast port for its long tour of this ocean. It also appeals to the layman that the Pacific Fleet, operating within a narrower area, should place more dependence on the ports within the radius of its action.

Our coaling capacity was the principal test to which this port was put by the Atlantic Fleet. The result reflects particular honor on the commandant of the station and adds to the good repute of the town.

Now the business-man and the sources of supply are called to show what they can do. The first question is whether the quantity is here; next, are the supplies to be had at fair prices and of first-class quality; and, finally, is the delivery prompt and accomplished without a general upset of our local markets?

The resources of the Naval base are quite if not more important than the character of the ships assembled.

We may depend upon it that the ships will be up to the mark. Honolulu has an opportunity to make good, and its success in this regard will have much to do with our reputation for supplementing our strategic importance with ample food resource.

VOLCANO BOOMING

Hilo, July 23.—There has been increased activity at the volcano during the past few nights and especially on Monday, when the reflection was more vivid than it has been at any time since the outbreak on Mauna Loa eighteen months ago. Many people in Hilo saw it and a few watched through the night till the hours began to grow big. Following this, shortly after 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning, a slight shock of earthquake was felt, its direction seemingly being from east to west.

On Monday morning, about 4:30 o'clock from the point of sunrise on the horizon to short, the entire water was of a deep blood-red hue. Turning to Mauna Kea the entire mountain was similarly tinted although of a lighter color, and this was fully three-quarters of an hour before sunrise. It lasted, however, only for a few minutes.

One gentleman who saw the volcano's reflection on Monday night said that, at times, it was most vivid right over Kilauea, again lighter, the surrounding shades corresponding in depth of color. While he was watching there appeared to be one column of fire shooting high up into the sky as if there had been a special eruption there. During Tuesday there appeared to be columns of smoke hanging over Mauna Loa and covering its side toward Hilo.

"If I were you," said the old bachelor to the benedict, "I'd either rule or know why." "Well," was the reply, "as I always know why, I suppose that's half the battle."—Atlanta Constitution.

"Saw something charming in a spring hat today." "Describe it; that's a dear." "Well, blue eyes, curly hair—" "Wretch! Never speak to me again."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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